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SUBJECT: NATO RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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SUMMARY. SECRETARY GENERAL SUGGESTS ABOLITION OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. MISSION AGREES.

1. NATO RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IS ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 26. IN REFERENCED MEMO, SECRETARY GENERAL SUGGESTS COUNCIL SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ABOLISHING THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE:

A. LIKELIHOOD EXISTS THAT BUDGETARY NEEDS FOR OTHER NATO INFORMATION ACTIVITIES WILL INCREASE IN YEARS AHEAD.

B. NATO MANAGEMENT SURVEY OF 1971 HAD SUGGESTED THAT "FUNDS THUS SAVED COULD BE BETTER USED ELSEWHERE IN THE EDUCATION FIELD".

C. HE FEELS THAT "FELLOWSHIPS MAY HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR UTILITY".

2. HE PROPOSES USING THE 3 MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS

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(\$80,000) SAVED ON PROJECTS SUCH AS FOLLOWING:

A. COMMISSIONING RESEARCH STUDIES RELEVANT TO NATO.

B. FUNDING AND ORGANIZING PANELS TO STUDY NATO-RELEVANT TOPICS WITH A VIEW TO PUBLICATION.

C. FINANCING PERIODICAL MONOGRAPHS ON NATO-RELEVANT SUBJECTS.

D. SUBSIDIZING GREATER NUMBER OF VISITS TO NATO HEADQUARTERS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

E. EXPANDING PANEL BRIEFINGS AND LECTURES BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBERS ABROAD IN CONFORMITY WITH NEW "MULTIPLE APPROACH" RECENTLY APPROVED FOR NATO INFORMATION SERVICE.

3. MISSION COMMENTS. ALTHOUGH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM HAS RESULTED IN PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN NUMBER OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND DISSERTATIONS, MISSION HAS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT PROGRAM HAS MADE ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ANY IMPORTANT AUDIENCES BEYOND FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS THEMSELVES. WHILE MAINTENANCE OF PROGRAM WOULD PROBABLY ENHANCE NATO'S IMAGE IN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, MISSION AGREES WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SUGGESTION THAT FELLOWSHIP FUNDS COULD BE USED MORE EFFECTIVELY ELSEWHERE. OF SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ALTERNATE USES FOR THESE FUNDS (PARA TWO), MISSION PREFERS D AND E, AS THESE TWO ARE MOST IN KEEPING WITH NATO INFORMATION SERVICE PRIORITIES AS AGREED AT JUNE 22 NATO CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICIALS (CONIO). IF THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR A, B OR C, POST WOULD RECOMMEND USE OF MINOR PART OF FELLOWSHIP FUNDS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES, WITH MAJOR PART GOING TO D AND E.

4. REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO SEND GUIDANCE FOR USE AT SEPTEMBER 26 COUNCIL MEETING.
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